

LONG ASHTON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

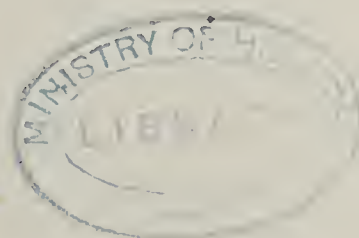
ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

for the

YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1951.





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To the Chairman and Members of the  
Long Ashton Rural District Council.

Sir, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you my report on the Health and Sanitary condition of the district during the past year. The information therein is, as far as possible, in conformity with the requirements of the Ministry of Health, as laid down in Circular 42/51 of the 10th December, 1951.

#### STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS.

Area.....	45,434 acres.
Population (census 1951).....	23,046.
" (Registrar General's estimate of Home population, including members of the armed forces stationed in the area).....	22,800.
Number of Inhabited houses to end of 1951.....	6,744.
Rateable Value.....	£163,658.
Sum represented by a penny rate.....	£682.

There are no important changes to note as regards the social conditions of the area, but boundary alterations which came into being on the 1st April affected some changes in the characteristics of the area through the parish of Bishopsworth being ceded to the City of Bristol and a portion of the Ham Green Area being transferred from the City of Bristol to the Rural District.

#### VITAL STATISTICS.

	M.	F.	
<u>Live Births:</u> Legitimate	157	145	Birth rate per 1,000 of the estimated population 13.6
Illegitimate	2	5	
TOTAL	<u>159</u>	<u>150</u>	
<u>Still Births:</u>	2	3	Total 5. (None illegitimate).
<u>Infant Mortality:</u>			
Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age:	7	3	Total 10. Infant Mortality rate (children under 1 year of age) per 1,000 live births 32.3
Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks of age.	6	2	Total 8.
<u>Under 1 year of age:</u>	Under 1 week, 8; one to four weeks, Nil; One to six months, 1; six to twelve months, 1. One of these died of measles, aged 9 months; the remainder died of premature birth or congenital defects.		

#### DEATHS.

<u>Total Deaths:</u>	M.	F.	Death rate per 1000 of estimated population 13.2
	134	169	

### CAUSES OF DEATH.

Tuberculosis	5	Leukemia	1
Measles	1	Diabetes	2
Pneumonia (all forms)	8	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	2
Influenza	8	Nephritis & nephrosis	5
Bronchitis	13	Hyperplasia of prostate	4
Other diseases of respiratory system	2	Pregnancy, child birth and abortion	2
Cancer (all forms)	35	Congenital malformations etc.	2
Vascular Lesions of nervous system	54	Motor vehicle accidents	2
Heart Diseases	69	All other accidents	5
Coronary disease	34	Suicide	4
Other circulatory diseases	12	Other ill defined diseases	33

There have been no deaths from scarlet fever, diphtheria, small pox, enteric fever or diarrhoea (under 2 years of age).

The birth rate (13.6) is lower than last year (14.9).  
The birth rate for England and Wales this year is 15.5  
The death rate (13.2) is higher than in 1950 (11.3).  
The death rate for England and Wales this year is 12.5  
Infant mortality rate (32.3) is much higher than in 1950 (21.4).  
The infant mortality rate for England and Wales this year is 29.6

### PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

<u>Disease.</u>	<u>Notifications.</u>	<u>Removals to Hospital.</u>	<u>Deaths.</u>
Scarlet Fever	16	4	-
Acute pneumonia (primary)	15	1	5
Influenzal pneumonia	3	-	2
Dysentery	6	-	-
Acute poliomyelitis	1 (non-paralytic)	-	-
Measles	207	-	1
Whooping Cough	80	-	-
Total	328	5	8

All the cases of dysentery notifications came from one public institution, and were not of a serious type.

The one notification of poliomyelitis was a mild one and all but one (measles) of the deaths were due to pneumonia.

### DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

The number of children that have had immunization injections during the year in this area are as follows:

<u>Under five years of age.</u>	<u>Five to fifteen years of age.</u>	<u>Reinforcing injections during school age.</u>
367	30	246

The remarkable decline of diphtheria during the last few years is probably largely, if not entirely, due to immunization, but there is a tendency lately to less fear of the disease and consequently it is important to do everything possible to persuade parents to have their children inoculated at an early age.



## VACCINATION (against Small Pox).

The number of persons vaccinated in this district during the year is:-

### Primary Vaccination.

Under 1 year - 161; 1-4 years - 32; 5-14 years - 5;  
15 years and over - 17. Total 215.

### Re-vaccination.

Under 1 year - 0; 1-4 years - 1, 5-14 years - 4;  
15 years and over - 74. Total 79.

This is a slight improvement over last year's figures, but there are still too many unprotected against this disease in the area.

## TUBERCULOSIS.

<u>Localisation.</u>	<u>Notifications.</u>		<u>Removals to Sanatoria.</u>		<u>Deaths.</u>	
	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>
Respiratory	12	9	4	3	3	2
Non-respiratory	1	3	-	-	-	-
Totals	13	12	4	3	3	2

## NOTIFICATIONS AND DEATHS IN AGE PERIODS.

<u>Age Period.</u>	<u>Notifications.</u>				<u>Deaths.</u>			
	<u>Pulmonary</u>		<u>Non-Pulmonary</u>		<u>Pulmonary</u>		<u>Non-Pulmonary</u>	
	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>
1st year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1-5 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 15 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 25 years	3	5	-	2	-	-	-	-
25 - 35 years	4	1	-	-	1	-	-	-
35 - 45 years	2	1	-	1	-	2	-	-
45 - 55 years	1	1	-	-	2	-	-	-
55 - 65 years	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 and over	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	12	9	1	3	3	2	-	-

Both notifications (25) and deaths (5) have decreased this year compared with notifications (49) and deaths (9) last year.

Tuberculosis dispensaries are still provided for this area at Central Clinic, Tower Hill, Bristol, and at 68, Old Street, Clevedon.

## GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES.

Laboratory facilities are provided at the County Hall, Taunton, and at the Bristol Public Health Laboratory, Canynge Hall, Whatley Road, Bristol, 8.

Hospital treatment and isolation for Infectious diseases are provided at Ham Green Hospital, near Pill.

The arrangements for Medical and Surgical Hospital treatment are under the control of the Regional Hospital Board and Ambulance facilities are now also arranged by the Board.

Nursing in the homes, child welfare and maternity are all dealt with by the County Authority, as also are certain treatment centres and clinics.

Legislation in the area is unchanged.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948.

SECTION 47 - REMOVAL TO SUITABLE PREMISES OF PERSONS  
IN NEED OF CARE AND ATTENTION.

No action was necessary in respect of aged and infirm persons living in insanitary conditions and in need of care and attention to compulsorily require their removal to a home or suitable premises. Such action was contemplated in respect of one aged male person who was living alone, but he finally consented to voluntarily enter a home on the advice of his doctor.

WATER SUPPLY.

- I. (a) The water supply of the District has generally been satisfactory in quality with the exception of the areas which are included in proposed piped water schemes and with the instances referred to under Paragraph 4 (Action taken respecting contamination).
- (b) The position with regard to quantity was satisfactorily maintained and no appreciable shortage occurred.

II. Piped Supplies - Results of Samples taken for analysis.

178 samples of water were taken from main and piped supplies, the results being as follows:-

RAW WATER.				TREATED BEFORE GOING INTO SUPPLY.			
BACTERIOLOGICAL		CHEMICAL		BACTERIOLOGICAL		CHEMICAL	
Satis- factory.	Unsatis- factory.	Satis- factory.	Unsatis- factory.	Satis- factory.	Unsatis- factory.	Satis- factory.	Unsatis- factory.
26	31	2	Nil	109	Nil	10	Nil

III. CONTAMINATION BY LEAD.

No action has been necessary in the case of waters liable to have plumbo-solvent action.

IV. ACTION TAKEN RESPECTING ANY FORM OF CONTAMINATION.

(1) WESTON-IN-GORDANO PAROCHIAL SUPPLY.

This main supply which is obtained by the Council in bulk from a private estate supply with a spring source was again periodically polluted. Emergency chlorination was resorted to, but the permanent remedy will be the replacement of this supply by a main supply of water from the Bristol Waterworks Company's Portishead undertaking. A main extension for this purpose is included in the Council's programme for 1952.

(2) DUNDRY TEMPORARY SUPPLY.

The deep borehole on the Council's housing estate became polluted during the year and a chlorinating plant was installed on the rising main. As the most probable source of contamination was the estate sewage disposal works, the effluent was chlorinated. This supply will be discontinued when the proposed main supply to the village is available.

(3) REDCLIFFE BAY.

The private piped supplies to the two large movable dwelling sites mentioned in the report of 1950, as being badly polluted, have been discontinued. These sites are now served by a main supply, a 4" main having been extended for the purpose by the Portishead Water Company.

IV. ACTION TAKEN RESPECTING ANY FORM OF CONTAMINATION. (Continued).

(4) PORTISHEAD WATER COMPANY.

Some contamination was found in the Portishead Water Company's supply, and traced to one of the springs feeding a service reservoir at Portbury.

The contaminated water was immediately turned to waste and the chlorination arrangements improved. No trouble has been experienced since.



V. PARTICULARS OF THE NUMBER OF DWELLING HOUSES AND POPULATION SUPPLIED FROM WATER MAINS.

Parish.	Area in Acre	Approx Population at 31.12.51.	No. of Houses in Parish	No. of Houses Supplied direct from mains.	No. of Houses Supplied from Standpipes.	No. of Population Supplied direct from mains.	No. of Population Supplied from Standpipes.
Abbots Leigh	2260	751	179	158	-	664	-
Backwell	2929	2115	613	484	13	1670	45
Barrow Gurney.	2064	600	99	31	8	358	26
Brockley	1148	412	123	114	3	382	10
Clapton-in-Gordano	1355	181	67	11	12	30	32
Cleeve.	1013	540	146	129	6	477	22
Dundry	2598	836	226	21	24	78	89
Easton-in-Gordano.	1864	2781	897	840	16	2605	49
Flax Fournon	630	210	70	62	6	186	18
Kenn.	830	330	66	46	4	230	20
Kingston Seymour	2652	261	63	14	21	58	87
Long Ashton	4018	2826	836	811	19	2757	65
Nailsea.	2866	2628	773	659	24	2241	81
North Weston	1063	1200	480	121	228	302	570
Portbury	2845	435	128	68	6	231	20
Tickenham	1629	650	197	166	12	538	39
Walton-in-Gordano.	908	240	96	33	-	82	-
Weston-in-Gordano.	708	192	61	39	13	121	40
Winford.	3340	1258	312	180	34	725	137
Wraxall.	4125	1773	521	468	2	1591	7
Yatton.	4589	2827	791	770	-	2772	-
	<u>45434</u>	<u>23046</u>	<u>6744</u>	<u>5225</u>	<u>451</u>	<u>18098</u>	<u>1357.</u>



VI. EXTENSIONS OR IMPROVEMENT OF SUPPLIES DURING THE YEAR.

The Portishead Water Company's main was extended along a length of Nore Road, Redcliffe Bay, at a cost of £1,425, to replace the polluted well supplies to two movable dwelling sites.

Piped water was substituted for well water during the year in the case of 32 houses.

VII. FUTURE PROPOSALS.

<u>Priority Group.</u>	<u>Parish</u>	<u>Scheme.</u>	<u>Approx. Cost.</u>
1	Dundry.	Provision of main supply to Dundry by Bristol Waterworks Company, under guarantee. This Parish will, on the 1st April, 1952, be included in the Company's statutory area of supply.	£43,280
1	Kingston Seymour.	Main extension from centre of village by Bristol Waterworks Company, under guarantee. Parish will be included in Company's statutory area on 1st January, 1952.	£2,41 0
1	Clapton-in-Gordano.	Main extension to village by Bristol Waterworks Company, under guarantee. Parish included in Company's statutory area on 1st January, 1952.	£6,560
1	North Weston.	Main supply to Redcliffe Bay area by Bristol Waterworks Company, under joint guarantee with Portishead U.D.C. to replace existing inadequate standpipe supply. Parish included in Company's statutory area on 1st January, 1952.	£24,500
1	Weston-in-Gordano and North Weston.	Main extension by Bristol Waterworks Company under guarantee, to replace the Council's existing bulk supply obtained from private source at Walton-in-Gordano. Parish included in Company's statutory area on 1st January, 1952.	£3,360
2	Nailsea.	Extension of main from West End to near The Grove, by Bristol Waterworks Company, under guarantee.	£2,976
2	Kingston Seymour.	Extension of main to outlying portion of Parish. Approved in principle only.	£10,290

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL.  
EXTENSION OF SEWERS, NEW WORKS ETC.

With the exception of minor extension of sewers to new housing estates, no sewerage schemes were carried out during the year.

A start was made on the extension of the Yatton sewers to the Main Road and Rhodyate Hill areas of the Parish of Cleeve.

FUTURE PROPOSALS.

The following works are included in Priority Group 1 of the Council's list of proposed sewerage and sewage disposal schemes:-

<u>Parish</u>	<u>Scheme</u>	<u>Approximate Cost</u>
<u>Nailsea.</u>	Sewerage and sewage disposal to parish. Scheme submitted to Ministry of Housing and Local Government, but further progress delayed through difficulties involving the siting of the sewage disposal works.	£83,000
<u>Flax Bourton.</u>	Sewerage and sewage disposal scheme for village. Scheme submitted to Ministry and County Council.	£10,050
<u>Cleeve.</u>	Extension of Yatton sewers to Main Road and Rhodyate Hill areas. Work in hand at end of year.	£ 3,900
<u>Dundry and Long Ashton</u>	Sewerage and sewage disposal to Barrow Common and Bridgwater Road areas.	£ 8,500
<u>Easton-in-Gordano.</u>	Extension of Pill sewers to Ham Green area. Scheme approved by Ministry and County Council and awaiting commencement by Contractors.	£ 1,209
<u>Winford.</u>	Sewerage and sewage disposal scheme for village and Long Cross area of Felton. Scheme approved for submission to Ministry and County Council.	£23,800
<u>Long Ashton.</u>	Additions and improvements to Cambridge House sewage disposal works.	£ 1,200
<u>Portbury and Easton-in-Gordano.</u>	Sewerage and sewage disposal to Portbury village and the Easton-in-Gordano portion of Easton-in-Gordano parish.	Not yet available.
<u>Easton-in-Gordano.</u>	New main and outfall sewer to replace obsolete and flat lengths of the Pill sewers.	£15,500



## HOUSING.

### Provision of New Housing Accommodation during the Year.

	<u>Houses erected during year.</u>		<u>Houses in course of erection.</u>		<u>Conversion to flats or dwellings.</u>	<u>Temporary such as Army Huts etc.</u>	
	<u>Perm:</u>	<u>Tempy:</u>	<u>Perm:</u>	<u>Tempy:</u>	<u>Perm:</u>	<u>Temp:</u>	
Local Authority	*62	Nil	56	Nil	Nil	1	10
Private Enterprise	20	ø Nil	16	Nil	7	Nil	Nil.
Totals	82	Nil	72	Nil	7	1	10

\* The 62 houses erected by the local authority are inclusive of 22 transferred to the City of Bristol through boundary alterations.

ø The 20 houses erected by private enterprise included 2 transferred to the City of Bristol through boundary alterations.

### TOTAL number of Post War Houses completed:-

- (a) By Local Authority 461 (including 56 transferred to the City of Bristol through boundary alterations).
- (b) By Private Enterprise. 151 (plus 75 in area ceded to the City of Bristol through boundary alterations).

### ERECTION OF HOUSES BY COUNCIL.

The location of the houses completed and in course of erection is summarised as follows:-

<u>Parish</u>	<u>Houses Completed</u>	<u>Houses under Construction at 31/12/51.</u>
Backwell	-	4
Bishopsworth.	22	-
Easton-in-Gordano	2	10
Long Ashton	26	-
Nailsea	-	10
North Weston	8	-
Tickenham	-	22
Weston-in-Gordano	2	-
Wraxall	-	8
Yatton	2	2
Total:	62	56

### ERECTION OF HOUSES BY PRIVATE ENTERPRISE.

The Location of the houses completed and in course of erection is summarised as follows:-

<u>Parish</u>	<u>Houses Completed</u>	<u>Houses under Construction at 31/12/51.</u>
Abbots Leigh	-	2
Backwell	5	3



# ERECTION OF HOUSES BY PRIVATE ENTERPRISE (Continued)

<u>Parish</u>	<u>Houses or Bungalows Completed</u>	<u>Under construction at 31/12/51</u>
Brought forward	5	5
Bishopsworth	2	-
Clapton-in-Gordano	-	1
Cleeve.	1	3
Dundry	1	-
Easton-in-Gordano	1	-
Long Ashton	3	2
Nailsea	1	-
North Weston	-	1
Portbury	-	1
Tickenham	2	3
Winford	1	-
Wraxall	2	-
Yatton	1	-
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Total	20	16
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## PROVISION OF TEMPORARY HOUSING ACCOMMODATION BY COUNCIL.

Ex-Army hutments at the Yatton Camp were converted into ten temporary dwellings.

## RURAL HOUSING SURVEY

The position of this survey at the 31st. December, 1951, was as follows:-

Number of houses inspected and recorded.....	2336
Number of houses satisfactory in all respects .....	629
Number of houses with minor defects .....	386
Number of houses requiring repairs or structural alterations .....	1006
Number of houses suitable for reconditioning under Housing (Rural Workers) Acts or for acquisition.....	574
Number of houses unfit for human habitation .....	312

The location of the unfit houses is as under:-

<u>Parish</u>	<u>Number of Unfit houses</u>	<u>Parish</u>	<u>Number of Unfit Houses.</u>
Abbots Leigh	3	Kenn	7
Backwell	16	Kingston Seymour	10
Brockley	3	Long Ashton	31
Clapton-in-Gordano	1	Nailsea	17
Cleeve	7	Tickenham	17
Dundry	24	Walton-in-Gordano	15
Easton-in-Gordano	63	Winford	25
Flax Bourton	8	Wraxall	24
		Yatton	41
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		Total	312

## HOUSING ACT, 1949 - IMPROVEMENT GRANTS.

The number of applications and houses dealt with by the Council and Ministry up to the 31st. December, 1951, is as follows:-

# HOUSING ACT, 1949 - IMPROVEMENT GRANTS (Continued)

## LOCAL AUTHORITY.

	<u>Received</u>		<u>Approved</u>		<u>Rejected</u>		<u>Under Consideration.</u>	
	Appns.	No. of Houses	Appns	No. of Houses	Appns	No. of Houses	Appns.	No. of Houses.
To 31.12.50	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	-
During 1951	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	-

## MINISTRY.

	<u>No. Sent</u>		<u>Approved</u>		<u>Rejected</u>		<u>Under Consideration.</u>	
	Appns.	No. of Houses	Appns.	No. of Houses	Appns	No. of Houses	Appns	No. of Houses.
To 31.12.50	*1	1	1	1	-	-	-	-
	Ø1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1

\* The application approved by the Ministry provided for the conversion of two houses into one dwelling at a cost of £594, the amount of grant approved being £297.

Ø The application under consideration by the Ministry provided for "improvements" at a cost of £590, but the scheme was subsequently abandoned by the applicant.

## ACTION DURING THE YEAR UNDER HOUSING ACT, 1936.

Number of Houses represented to the Council as unfit for human habitation	25
Number of Parts of Buildings represented to the Council as unfit for human habitation.	4
Number of Houses on which Demolition Orders were made	19
Number of Parts of Buildings on which Closing Orders were made.	3
Number of Houses in respect of which undertakings given by the owners to carry out repairs were accepted.	9
Number of Houses in respect of which undertakings given by the owners not to use for human habitation were accepted.	2
Number of Houses in respect of which undertakings to carry out repairs were cancelled after being made fit for habitation	8
Number of Houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders.	1
Number of Houses in Clearance Areas demolished	1
Number of Houses rendered fit by owners after service of notices under Section 9.	1

## PUBLIC CLEANSING.

The collection of house refuse is carried out by direct labour with three vehicles, the refuse being disposed of by controlled tipping at Barrow Gurney refuse tip.

The cesspool emptier has been fully occupied in the emptying of the cesspools of private properties and the housing estates where sewers are not available.

The cleansing service has run smoothly during the year and there has been no call for an improved service. The whole of the District has a collection of house refuse of a frequency of not less than once a fortnight with a weekly collection in three of the thickly populated parishes.



# SANITARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1951.

<u>INSPECTIONS.</u>	No. of houses, premises etc. inspected .....	1102
	No. of complaints received during year .....	224
<u>INFECTIOUS DISEASES ETC.</u>	No. of houses disinfected .....	18
	No. of visits in connection with infectious diseases .....	36
	No. of houses disinfected after tuberculosis ..	10
	No. of cases of disinfection of bedding, etc...	23
	No. of baths arranged for persons infected with scabies.....	12
	No. of verminous premises cleansed.....	4
<u>SEWER AND DRAINS.</u>	No. of sewers repaired or cleansed.....	5
	No. of existing houses connected to sewers.....	6
	No. of drains repaired, or cleansed or re-laid.	37
	No. of new cesspools constructed.....	41
	No. of cesspools abolished.....	6
<u>SANITARY ACCOMMODATION.</u>	No. of new water closets.....	177
	No. of defective water closets repaired.....	45
	No. of new earth closets.....	5
	No. of earth closets converted to water closets.....	10
	No. of privvies abolished.....	-
<u>WATER SUPPLY.</u>	No. of samples of water taken for analysis.....	192
	No. of existing houses connected to water mains.....	36
	No. of new houses supplied by main water.....	88
	No. of new houses supplied by wells or cisterns.....	1
	No. of new wells.....	-
	No. of wells or cisterns cleansed or repaired..	6
	No. of contaminated wells closed.....	16
<u>STATUTORY NOTICES, ETC.</u>	No. of statutory notices served.....	17
	No. of legal proceedings taken.....	1
	No. of Ministry public enquiries held.....	1

## FOOD.

### MEAT AND OTHER FOODS.

The following food was condemned as unfit for human consumption:-

Canned Meat	-	318 lbs.
Sausages	-	80 lbs.
Mutton	-	26 lbs.
Other foods	-	Small quantities..

The canned meat condemned consisted mainly of tinned ham imported from various European countries. Considerable quantities of this product had to be condemned by local authorities as unfit for human consumption.

### SLAUGHTER-HOUSES.

- (a) No. in use under Ministry of Food.....Nil
- (b) No. in use where horses are slaughtered for human consumption.....Nil
- (c) No. of knackers yards in District.....Nil

Ten of the eleven private slaughter-houses in the District are still out of use for the slaughter of animals for sale for human consumption. Centralised slaughtering takes place at the Weston-super-Mare and Bristol abattoirs.

The other private slaughter-house is in that area of Ham Green transferred from the City of Bristol and is used for the slaughter of animals for consumption at Ham Green Hospital. All the carcasses



SLAUGHTER-HOUSES (Continued).

of animals killed in this slaughter-house were inspected by your inspectors.

CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED.

	<u>Cattle</u> <u>excluding</u> <u>Cows.</u>	<u>Cows.</u>	<u>Calves.</u>	<u>Sheep</u> <u>and</u> <u>Lambs.</u>	<u>Pigs.</u>
Number killed	5	-	-	31	3
Number inspected	5	-	-	31	3
<u>All Diseases except</u> <u>Tuberculosis</u> Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	1	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	-	-	-	1	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis.	-	-	-	6.5	-
<u>Tuberculosis only.</u> Whole carcasses condemned.	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuber- culosis.					

PLACES WHERE FOOD IS PREPARED OR SOLD.

Attention has continued to be given where necessary to improving conditions in places where food is prepared or sold, with special regard to the provision of hot water and hand washing facilities.

In particular, two buildings at butcher's shops were adapted to modern standards for the manufacture of sausages and cooked meats and were registered for this purpose under Section 14 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1938.

ICE CREAM (HEAT TREATMENT, ETC) REGULATIONS.

No. of premises registered for:-

- (a) Manufacture and sale of ice cream.....2
- (b) Manufacture only.....Nil
- (c) Sale only.....50

53 samples of ice cream were taken and submitted for bacteriological examination, the results being graded as follows:-

<u>Grade.</u>	<u>No. of samples.</u>
1	22
2	18
3	6
4	7

## ICE CREAM (HEAT TREATMENT ETC) REGULATIONS. (Continued).

With the exception of the very small quantity manufactured at the two premises registered, the whole of the ice cream sold in the District is mainly prepacked and obtained from manufacturing firms whose premises are outside your Council's area.

### REGULATION 20, MILK AND DAIRIES REGULATIONS, 1949.

No action was necessary under this Regulation during the year to prohibit or restrict the sale of milk from registered premises where the milk is infected by disease communicable to man.

### MILK AND DAIRIES.

No. of registered dairies.....	6
No. of registered milk distributors.....	18
No. of registered distributors for the sale of bottled milk only.....	4
No. of dealers licensed to use the special designation "Tuberculin Tested".....	9
No. of dealer's Supplementary licences to use the special designation "Tuberculin Tested".....	4
No. of dealers licensed to use the special designation "Pasteurised".....	Nil
No. of dealer's supplementary licences to use the special designation "Pasteurised".....	5
No. of dealers licensed to use the special designation "Sterilised".....	4
No. of dealer's Supplementary licences to use the special designation "Sterilised".....	3

### FOOD POISONING OUTBREAKS.

I am pleased to report that no cases of food poisoning occurred in your area during the year.

### BYE-LAWS UNDER SECTION 15, FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1938.

These Bye-laws for securing the observance of cleanly conditions in connection with the handling and wrapping of food came into operation on the 10th July, 1950.

A copy of the Bye-laws was supplied to each food trader. The execution of these Bye-laws has run smoothly and I am happy to state that it has not been necessary to bring to your notice any contraventions requiring enforcement action.

### CLEAN FOOD CAMPAIGN.

As mentioned in my report for 1950, arrangements were in hand in conjunction with the Central Office of Information for film shows to be given to the public and food trade. Five of these film shows were given but the attendance in some instances was low whilst in others it was surprisingly good. The shows included the film "Another Case of Poisoning" and were opened by the Chairman of your Council's Public Health and Housing Committee, or one of its Members, and included a talk by the Medical Officer of Health or Chief Sanitary Inspector on the dangers of food poisoning and the necessity for cleanliness in the handling of food.



FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 and 1948.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE  
YEAR 1951, ON THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE FACTORIES ACTS,  
1937 and 1948.

PART 1 OF THE ACT.

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors).

Premises	Number on Register	Number of Inspect- ions.	Written notices.	Number of Occupiers prosecuted.
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	17	12	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	42	30	1	-
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers premises).	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	59	42	1	-

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found.				Number of cases in which pros- ecutions were in- stituted.
	Found.	Remed- ied.	Referred To H.M. Inspec- tor.	By H.M. Inspec- tor.	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)					
Overcrowding (S.2)					
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)					
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)					
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)					
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient					
(b) Unsuitable or defective	3	3	-	3	
(c) Not separate for sexes.					
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork).					
TOTAL	3	3	-	3	



FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 and 1948. (CONTINUED).

Part VIII of the Act.

OUTWORK.  
(Sections 110 and 111).

No. of ourworkers in August list required by Sect. 110.	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council.	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists.	No. of instances of work in un- wholesome premises.	Notices served.	Prosecutions.
Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

The foregoing details give, I trust, a fair account of the many activities of the Public Health Service of your Council, including housing, water supply, sewage disposal, public cleansing, control of milk and other goods, etc. and should assist your Council to estimate the result of your efforts and that of the Staff. Progress has been and is still being made in many ways but much remains to be done.

May I, in conclusion, thank your Council for the support and consideration always shown to me and the rest of the Staff in the performance of our duties. My thanks are also tendered to the Staff of all departments for their cordial help and co-operation at all times.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

HERBERT NEWSOME.

Medical Officer of Health.

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July 9th, 1952.